**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/872,235
Filing Date	May 31, 2001
First Named Inventor	Jean-Louis Baffier
Group Art Unit	2177
Examiner Name	Miranda Le
Attorney Docket Number	50277-2511

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s)
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____
 - ii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (26 pages)
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1302
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	August 4, 2004

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Docket No. 50277-1511

PATENT

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In re application of:

Confirmation No.: 2420

Jean-Louis Baffier, et al.

Group Art No.: 2177

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For: TECHNIQUES FOR AUTOMATICALLY PROVISIONING A DATABASE
OVER A WIDE AREA NETWORK

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 4, 2004 (Part of Paper No. 10), the shortened statutory period for which runs until August 4, 2004. Please amend the subject application and consider the remarks as indicated below.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an RCE and Amendment in the above identified application.



No additional fee is required.

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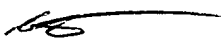
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Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)					\$770.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$770.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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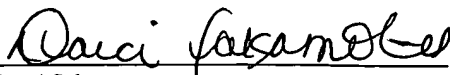
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